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SUBJECT: 1974 CORAL SEA CELEBRATIONS

1. FOLLOWING ARE UNCLASSIFIED BIODATA ON SECRETARY WEINBERGER PROVIDED BY HEW. SEPTTEL WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON WARTIME ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA. ANOTHER SEPTTEL PROVIDES BIODATA ON MRS. WEINBERGER. PHOTOS OF, AND RECENT SPEECHES BY SECRETARY WEINBERGER BEING POUCHED.

2. CASPAR W. WEINBERGER BECAME NATION'S 10TH SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE ON FEBRUARY 12, 1973. HE WAS NOMINATED FOR POST BY PRESIDENT NIXON ON NOVEMBER 28TH, 1972, AND TOOK OATH OF OFFICE AT SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, HIS HOME STATE.

3. HE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION OF FEDERAL POLICY IN HUMAN RESOURCES AREA.

4. SECRETARY WEINBERGER HAS SERVED IN NIXON ADMINISTRATION SINCE JANUARY 13, 1970, WHEN HE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION. AFTER 7 MONTHS IN THIS ASSIGN-  
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MENT, HE MOVED TO NEWLY CREATED OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND

BUDGET AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR. HE ASSUMED LEADERSHIP OF OMB ON JUNE 12, 1972, SERVING AS DIRECTOR UNTIL HE WAS SWORN IN AS HEW SECRETARY.

5. BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 18, 1917, SECRETARY WEINBERGER ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOLS THERE. HE WAS GRADUATED MAGNA CUM LAUDE FROM HARVARD COLLEGE IN 1938 WHERE HE WAS ELECTED TO PHI BETA KAPPA. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF LAWS DEGREE FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IN 1941.

6. SHORTLY AFTER HIS GRADUATION FROM LAW SCHOOL, SECRETARY WEINBERGER ENTERED ARMY AS AN INFANTRY PRIVATE. HE SERVED MORE THAN THREE YEARS IN PACIFIC WITH THE 41ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND AS A MEMBER OF GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S INTELLIGENCE STAFF. HE WAS DISCHARGED IN 1945 AS A CAPTAIN.

7. FOLLOWING HIS WARTIME SERVICE, SECRETARY SPENT TWO YEARS AS LAW CLERK TO FEDERAL JUDGE WILLIAM E. ORR OF THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT. HE THEN ENTERED PRIVATE PRACTICE.

8. IN 1952, WHILE IN PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE, HE WAS ELECTED TO ASSEMBLY OF CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE FROM TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE WON REELECTION WITHOUT OPPOSITION IN 1954 AND 1956.

9. DURING HIS YEARS IN CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE, SECRETARY WEINBERGER WAS CHAIRMAN OF BOTH ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE JOINT ASSEMBLY-SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL. HIS LEADERSHIP PRODUCED A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REORGANIZING STATE'S ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL MACHINERY, AND CREATION OF UNIFIED DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.

10. NEWSMEN COVERING 1955 LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN CALIFORNIA NAMED SECRETARY AS MOST ABLE MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

11. FROM 1959 TO 1968, SECRETARY WEINBERGER PURSUED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIMULTANEOUS CAREERS AS A LAWYER, WRITER, AND TELEVISION MODERATOR. HE WAS PARTNER IN SAN FRANCISCO LAW FIRM OF HELLER, EHRMAN, WHITE, AND MCAULIFFE, AND WROTE A TWICE-WEEKLY COLUMN ON CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT CARRIED IN MANY STATE NEWSPAPERS. HE ALSO REVIEWED BOOKS FOR "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE" AND "SAN FRANCISCO" MAGAZINE, AND MODERATED A WEEKLY PUBLIC AFFAIRS TELEVISION SHOW, "PROFILE: BAY AREA," ON KQED-TV, SAN FRANCISCO EDUCA-

TIONAL TELEVISION STATION.

12. SECRETARY WEINBERGER HEADED COMMISSION ON CALIFORNIA  
STATE GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATION--KNOWN AS THE STATE'S

"LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION"--FROM 1967 TO 1968. ON  
FEBRUARY 1, 1968, HE WAS NAMED STATE DIRECTOR OF  
FINANCE BY GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN, SERVING IN THAT  
POST UNTIL HE LEFT FOR WASHINGTON TO CHAIR FEDERAL TRADE  
COMMISSION.

12. SECRETARY WEINBERGER IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER JANE  
DALTON. THEY ARE PARENTS OF TWO CHILDREN, A DAUGHTER AND  
A SON. END TEXT. RUSH

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